

# House File 552 - Introduced

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BY LONDON

## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to approval of certain state government leases  
2 by the general assembly.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 8A.321, subsection 6, paragraph a, Code  
2 2019, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. (1) Lease all buildings and office space necessary to  
4 carry out the provisions of this subchapter or necessary for  
5 the proper functioning of any state agency wherever located  
6 throughout the state. For state agencies at the seat of  
7 government, the director may lease buildings and office space  
8 in Polk county or in a county contiguous to Polk county. ~~If no~~  
9 ~~specific appropriation has been made, the proposed lease shall~~  
10 ~~be submitted to the executive council for authorization and if~~  
11 ~~authorized lease expense shall be paid from the appropriations~~  
12 ~~addressed in section 7D.29.~~

13 (2) A proposed lease or renewal of a lease shall require  
14 prior approval of the general assembly if the general assembly  
15 is in session. However, if the general assembly is not in  
16 session, the legislative council may grant temporary approval  
17 of the proposed lease or renewal of a lease for such period  
18 of time, not to exceed March of the following year, as the  
19 legislative council determines.

20 (3) An office space lease shall not be terminated at a time  
21 when either contract damages or early termination penalties may  
22 be applicable for doing so. Additionally, the director shall  
23 also develop cooperative relationships with the state board of  
24 regents in order to promote colocation of state agencies.

25 EXPLANATION

26 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
27 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

28 This bill concerns the authority of the director of the  
29 department of administrative services (DAS) to enter into  
30 leases for buildings and office space necessary for purposes of  
31 Code chapter 8A or the proper functioning of any state agency  
32 wherever located throughout the state.

33 Code section 8A.321 is amended to provide that a proposed  
34 lease or renewal of a lease by the DAS director shall require  
35 prior approval of the general assembly if the general assembly

1 is in session or, if the general assembly is not in session,  
2 the legislative council may grant temporary approval of the  
3 proposed lease or renewal of a lease for such period of time,  
4 not to exceed March of the following year, as the legislative  
5 council determines. The Code section is also amended to  
6 strike the authority of the executive council, if no specific  
7 appropriation has been made, to authorize a proposed lease and  
8 the payment of lease expenses.